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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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FOR: CHOLESTEROL-LOWERING :
AGENTS, SECONDARY BILE ACID
PRODUCTION INHIBITORS AND FOODS
AND DRINKS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Official Action of August 8, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group IV, Claim 1, drawn to drawn to the fourth product which is a yeast belonging to Kluyveromyces.

Furthermore Applicants have amended the claims as indicated herein.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 6 of this paper.